

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2004  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., with John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Fields entered the meeting after the roll was called. Council member, Darrin McGowan was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the November 1, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

- Spoke with Loren Myers from INDOT. They are asking the City Council to approve a temporary right-of-way at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Perkins Street during the SR 44 project. This would allow the construction of an improved turning radius at the southeast corner of the intersection. They are allowing \$650.0 for the temporary right-of-way and \$2,750.00 for the replacement of the flagpole and brick flower planter, belonging to the Rushville Fire Department. Total allowed for the project would be \$3,350.00. We would be responsible for the removal and installation of the new structure. Sheehan made a motion to approve the request of INDOT. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Attended the dedication of the newest Veteran's Memorial in Carthage on Sunday, November 7. A portion of the funding for the project was through a grant from the Rush County Community Foundation.
- Thanked those who participated in the Veteran's Day programs on November 10 & 11. Bridges said he believes we are seeing a new respect for those serving in our military.
- The City will be participating in the annual Youth In Government Day next Tuesday from 8:00 to 11:00. This will allow the middle school level youth to observe and take part in the governmental process.
- The warning system for the Flatrock River has been reconnected.
- The County Commissioners approved the City's request for the 1-mile buffer zone for the moratorium on billboards.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts has completed their audit for 2003 and will let them know when the exit conference will be.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT \* \* \***

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge reported he had a meeting with the Child Safety Council. He will be distributing publications for the junior high level students.

**Fire** – Assistant Chief Shelton said all the air packs are in. They have begun training and they should be in service in about another week.

**Street** – Bennett said one bid was received on the street sweeper and it was tabled for further review.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

Scott Murray expressed that he thought the bear carving in the tree by the park office was “awesome”.

John Byrne said he has had some calls regarding what improvements the City might consider making to Spencer Street Road. Bridges said to improve the street to the same quality as a regular city street it would cost approximately 1.2 million. He said we might be able to make a phase II out of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street project for this improvement. This would include curbs and gutters on the East side of the street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Wage Study Proposal** – The proposal from Waggoner Irwin & Scheele was for \$17,000.00 plus travel expenses. It would take approximately 5-7 months to complete. Sheehan said he would like to try to negotiate a price closer to \$12,000.00. After lengthy discussion Sheehan made a motion to table the matter and to have the Mayor check with the utilities to see if they planned to participate financially. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Ordinance 2004-26 Repealing Ordinance 1997-3 Regarding Rentals** – Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-26 Repealing Ordinance 1997-3. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Transfer Resolution 2004-26** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2004-26. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Release of Construction Bonds** – Copley presented a request for the release of the Construction Bonds for the Flatrock River Apartments. Fields made a motion to table the matter until the construction is completed. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER